

PASTORAL CHANGES

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June 2026

RECEPTIONS

TELIZHENKO, Archpriest Volodymyr was canonically received into the ranks of the clergy of the Orthodox Church in America effective June 12, 2026 by Metropolitan Tikhon. He was transferred to the omophorion of Bishop Vasily. Effective the same date, he was assigned as Associate Priest to Holy Virgin Mary Cathedral, Los Angeles, CA. (Diocese of the West)



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ORDINATIONS

CARPENTER, John was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on June 30, 2026 by Archbishop Michael at Church of the Holy Cross, Medford, NJ. He is attached to Church of the Holy Cross, Medford, NJ. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

STAFFORD, Jerome was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on June 21, 2026 by Archbishop Mark at Assumption of the Holy Virgin Church, Philadelphia, PA. He is attached to Saint Mark Church, Wrightstown, PA. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

SZELIGA, Marek was ordained to the Holy Diaconate on June 14, 2026 by Archbishop Mark at Saint Mark Church, Wrightstown, PA. He is attached to Saint Mark Church, Wrightstown, PA. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

ASSIGNMENTS

CROSSMAN, Priest Seraphim was released from his attachment to Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander, effective June 8, 2026. Effective the same date, he was assigned as Priest-in-Charge to Saint Nektarios Church, Waxahachie, TX. (Diocese of the South)

HUFFMAN, Priest Jarrod was released from his attachment to Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY to the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel, effective June 1, 2026. Effective the same date, he was assigned as Rector of Saint Andrew Church, Maple Heights, OH. (Diocese of the Midwest)

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ASSIGNMENTS (cont.)

JOVEL, Priest John was released from his attachment to Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA to the omophorion of Archbishop Michael, effective June 25, 2026. Effective July 1, 2026, he was assigned as Acting Rector of Saints Peter and Paul Church, South River, NJ. (Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

KOPRIVICA, Archpriest Dusan was released from his assignment as Priest-in-Charge at Holy Transfiguration Church, Livonia, MI, effective June 1, 2026. (Diocese of the Midwest)

LEKANOF, Deacon Anton was relieved of duties at Saint Herman's Theological Seminary and at All Saints of Alaska Chapel and assigned to Saint Tikhon of Moscow Church, Anchorage, AK, effective June 4, 2026. He was also appointed as Communications Secretary for the Diocese of Sitka and Alaska. (Diocese of Sitka and Alaska)

LEVINE, Archpriest Sean was released from all duties as parish administrator at All Saints of North America Church, Alexandria, VA, effective June 29, 2026. He remains under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon as a chaplain in the U.S. Army. (Archdiocese of Washington)

LEWIS, Priest Caleb was released from his duties at Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander, effective June 1, 2026. Effective the same date, he was assigned as Assistant Priest at St. John of the Ladder Church, Greenville, SC. (Diocese of the South)

POPESCU, Priest Bogdan was released from his attachment to Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander, effective June 2, 2026. Effective the same date, he was assigned as Priest-in-Charge of Saint John the Baptist Church, Los Angeles, CA. (Bulgarian Diocese)

REAVIS, Priest John was released from his attachment to Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander, effective June 8, 2026. Effective the same date, he was assigned as Assistant Priest to Nativity of the Lord Church, Shreveport, LA. (Diocese of the South)

SARSAMĂ, Priest Pedro was released from his attachment to Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA to the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel, effective June 1, 2026. Effective the same date, he was assigned as Rector of Holy Resurrection Church, Fargo, ND. (Diocese of the Midwest)

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SCHLAFFER, Priest Paul was released from his attachment to Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA to the omophorion of Archbishop Daniel, effective June 1, 2026. Effective the same date, he was assigned as Second Priest to Christ the Savior / Holy Spirit Church, Cincinnati, OH. (Diocese of the Midwest)

SCHREDER, Deacon Eugene was released from his attachment to Saint Tikhon of Zadonsk Monastery Church, South Canaan, PA to the omophorion of Bishop Vasily, effective June 15, 2026. Effective the same date, he was attached to Holy Transfiguration Cathedral, Denver, CO. (Diocese of the West)

WERNER, Priest Daniel was released from his attachment to Three Hierarchs Chapel, Yonkers, NY to the omophorion of Archbishop Alexander, effective June 8, 2026. Effective the same date, he was assigned as Assistant Priest to St. Anne Orthodox Church, Oak Ridge, TN (Diocese of the South)

WESCHE, Archpriest Paul was released from his assignment as Priest-in-Charge at Holy Resurrection Church, Fargo, ND, effective June 1, 2026. (Diocese of the Midwest)

WOODILL, Deacon Alexander was released from his attachment to All Saints of America Orthodox Church, Alexandria, VA, and attached to the altar of the Monastery Church of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk, South Canaan, PA, effective June 15, 2026. He remains under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon as a Stavropegial cleric. (Stavropegial)

WOODILL, Archpriest Joseph was released from his attachment to the altar of St. Nicholas Cathedral, Washington, D.C., and attached to the altar of the Monastery Church of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk, South Canaan, PA, effective June 15, 2026. He remains under the omophorion of Metropolitan Tikhon as a Stavropegial cleric. (Stavropegial)

ZDINAK, Archpriest John was released from his duties as Administrator of Saint Andrew Church, Maple Heights, OH, effective June 1, 2026. (Diocese of the Midwest)

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

POLK, Deacon Gregory was granted a leave of absence, effective June 11, 2026. (Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania)

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RETIRED

GARRETSON, Archpriest David was granted retirement, effective June 30, 2026.
(Diocese of New York and New Jersey)

DEATHS

MEHOLICK, Deacon Christopher reposed on June 24, 2026. (Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania)

PARISHES

Bulgarian Diocese

Effective June 8, 2026, Saint Nikolai Mission, Alliance, OH, is elevated to Church status, by the blessing of His Eminence, Archbishop Alexander.

Approved for distribution:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Alex Margheritino".

//Signed September 16, 2026//

Archpriest Alessandro Margheritino

Chancellor of the OCA